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FOR: *Method and Apparatus for the Processing of Used Tires
and Other Materials*

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[X] Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449:

[X] Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

[] Copies of cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior
application, U.S. Application No. [], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120
is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]

[] The listed references marked with an "*" were cited in the enclosed International
Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

[] The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference
under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

[] the explanation provided on the attached sheet

[] the explanation provided in the Specification.

[] submission of the enclosed International Search Report.

[] the enclosed English language abstract.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

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